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Pocahontas County,

Town of Durbin.

Mountainous on N. S. and W. narrow valleys N. and S. along Greenbrier River, which marks S. boundary; fertile narrow valleys reaching back into the hills, area 5 sq. miles; population 1000.

Hills wooded, pine and maple, scrub oak numerous; pasture and sheep grazing, clear running brooks, trout plentiful, (April, May and June).

Named for Charles Durbin, who originally owned all the land. The town was incorporated 1905.

U. S. 250 enters N. W. at West Durbin crossing W. branch of Greenbrier, well designed bridge and approach view from Cheat Mt. above town. Branch lines of the Chesapeake and Ohio and Western Maryland R. R. parallels W. branch of Greenbrier River freight and passenger. U. S. Forest Service Ranger Station Greenbrier Dist. located in center of the town. All hunting and fishing information gratis. Large graded school. Me. Ep. and M. E. So. churches. Pocahontas Tanning Co., (largest in the world). Frank is the Post Office for Tanning Co. Wilmoth and Durbin Hotels.

Following U. S. 250 one mile from Durbin and Frank is the small town of Bartow. Named for Gen. Bartow, a confederate general who was killed at the first battle of Bull Run. On December 12, 1861 the battle of Bartow was fought,

This was a minor battle of the Civil War.
Here the road forks at the foot of Allegheny Mt. U. S. 250
crosses State 28. (U. S. 250 is the Old Staunton and Parkers-
burg Turnpike, State 28 is the Old GreenBank Road). Travelers
Repose, the home of B. B. Beard, located here, use to be a
Tavern where the stage coaches changed horses. Driving over
250, (a new hard surface road) is a beautiful mountainous drive
for 17 mile to Va. State line.

At the forks of the road, if one wishes you can follow the
original Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike for nine miles. The
old road is still used as rural mail route for Staunton to Durbin
mail. At top of the mountain is the old Dunkard Church, built
in 1900. One of the peculiarities of the church, is the pulpit
is placed just inside the door and the congregation faces the
entrance of the church.

Opposite the church is an old battlefield. Here the Alle-
gheny Mt. battle was fought Dec. 13, 1861. The Confederates had
a winter camp on top the mountain for five months with Gen. W.
W. Loring and Col. Edward Johnston in command. You can see
piles of stones placed at regular intervals which represent
the chimneys of the log cabins, where the soldiers were quart-
ered. Trenches, fortifications and graves of the soldiers,
which are now just mounds no markers, can be seen. The land
is now used for pasture.

Coming back to the forks of the road State 28 follows the
E. branch of the Greenbrier River. Three miles from Travelers
Repose is a permanent C. C. C. Camp, Camp Thornood. (Camp No.
P-6). The young men in this camp assist in the care of Green-
brier Division of the Monongalia National Forest. This is an

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example of a model camp.

Five miles from the camp is the Smoke Camp Tower, manned by Camp Thornwood. The government road from camp to tower is called Long Run and Smoke Creek Roads. Continuing on State 28 you drive through the National Forest to Pendleton County line.

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Dunmore.

There is no locality in the county richer in local history than Dunmore. There is a well founded tradition that the name Dunmore was bestowed by the Englishman William Warwick, who had the land as a grant from the crown through Lord Dunmore as Governor of Virginia. Lord Dunmore became so unpopular that he was forced to flee the colony at the start of the war for independence. On this account the name fell into disuse and the place was known as Mathewsville for a couple of generations. Sampson Mathews, the son-in-law of Jacob Warwick and then his son owned it. Some sixty or seventy years ago a part of the plantation was bought by the late Isaac Moore and a storekeeper named Dunkum. Dunkum, who was postmaster proposed that they use his name for the place in the place of Mathewsville. It didn't sound as good as some names to Mr. Moore, so he, knowing the original historical name proposed a compromise by the combination of Dunkum and Moore into Dunmore.

Sitlington Creek is named for Robert Sitlington, a native of the north of Ireland who married Elizabeth Dunlap Warwick, widow of William Warwick and mother of Jacob Warwick. He moved to Bath County about the year 1770.

Michaels Mountain was named for Michael somebody who was either a real sportsman ready to give his name a chance or a short sport intent on saving ammunition. He was a bear hunter and his custom was, when a pack of dogs had stopped the bear, to wade in with his hunting knife and put an end to it. One day the dogs bayed a big bear and Michael went